

OUR FIRST MONTH IN ABERDEEN

April marks our first month in Aberdeen, Scotland! We've settled into a flat in the heart of the city, which has given us a great opportunity to connect with people and be immersed in the community. Already, we've made several connections, exchanged numbers with new acquaintances, and even have a Romanian barber interested in a Bible study. But the most significant open door has come through a congregation of about 70 people.

Before we left Canada—after resigning our church of 11 years in Quesnel, BC—God gave me (Brent) a vision of a Filipino man I would meet in Aberdeen. I felt strongly that this man would be a key connection. Just five days after arriving, after much frustration in securing a flat, a Filipino lady approached us on the street and asked if there was anything she could pray for. We shared our situation, and after praying for us, she invited us to her church, where her husband is the pastor. I immediately knew this was a God moment. The next day, we attended their service and he was the man that God had shown me. My wife and I were invited to testify that morning. I shared the vision God had given me, and the church strongly believed that the Lord had led us there.

The following week, during an all-night prayer meeting, their bishop from England was visiting. As he entered, he felt God speak to him and he called me before the people and told the congregation that I was bringing a great revival to Aberdeen. I was humbled and knew God was orchestrating something beyond what we could imagine. That same night, I was asked to minister and speak the word of faith, and as a result, 10 people received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, speaking in other tongues! After the service, a faithful woman from the congregation approached me quietly and asked, "Are you Apostolic Pentecostal?" I smiled and said, "I sure am!" She leaned in, wanting to confirm, "Oneness?" I laughed, "Yes, I'm a minister within the United Pentecostal Church!"

Tears filled her eyes as she said, "I'm UPCI too!"

She has been faithfully attending this church for seven years and has lived in Aberdeen for 18 years, longing for a church that fully aligns with her beliefs. She told me, "I come here because there is no UPCI church in Aberdeen." I smiled and responded, "Not yet, sis." She began to rejoice.

We know this is no small task, but we also know that God has opened a door in Aberdeen. We are simply here to walk through it and be part of what He is doing.

Blessings

Brent, Melissa, Easton and Emma Cletheroe

